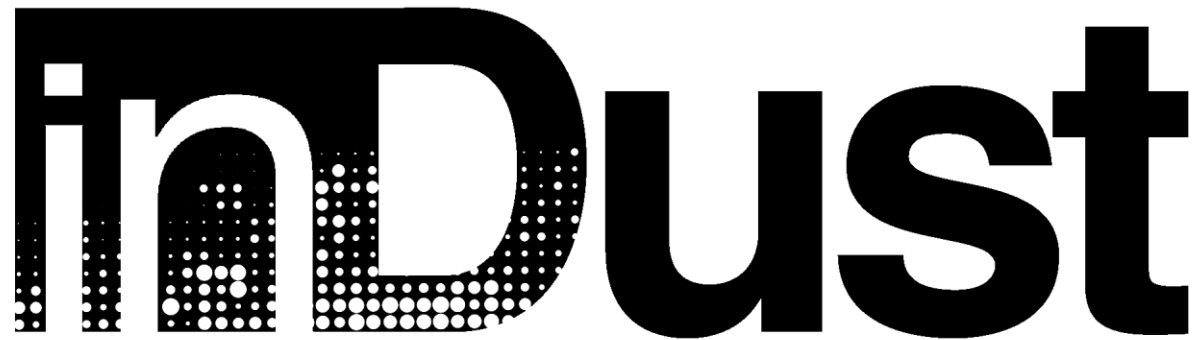


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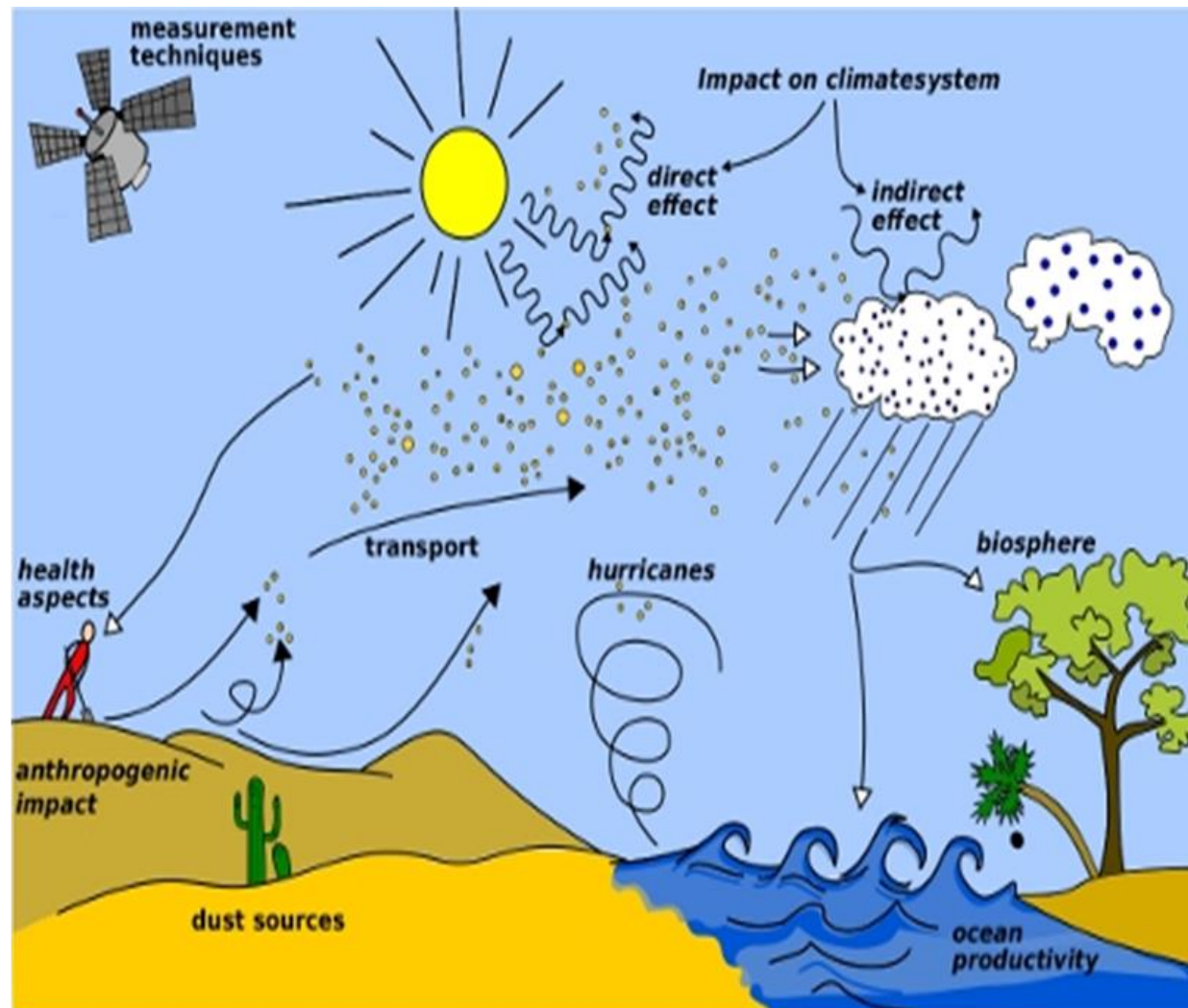


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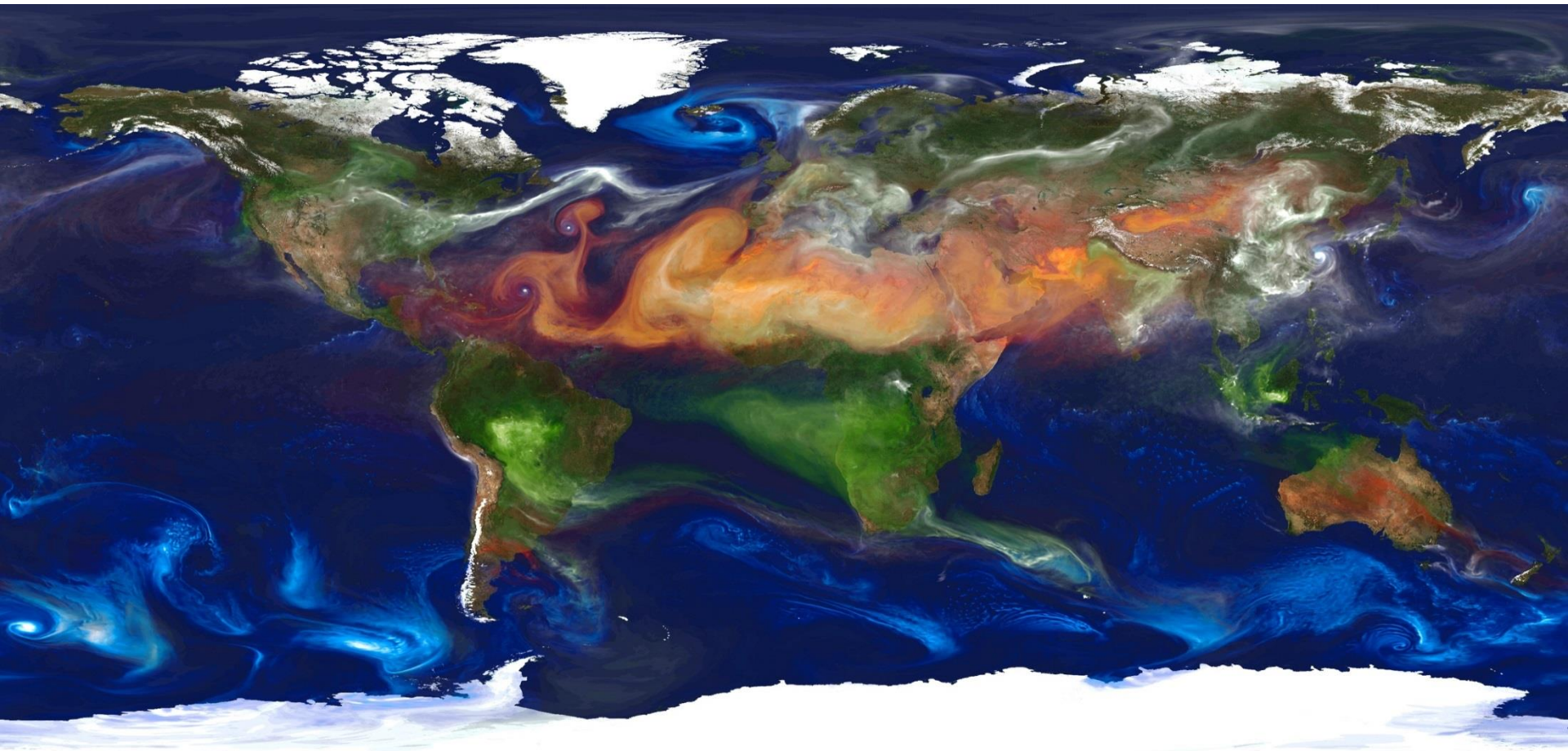


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Motivation – Dust impacts



Motivation – Dust impacts and its extension



Organic Carbon + Elemental carbon

Dust

Sulfate

Sea salt

A piece of SDS history

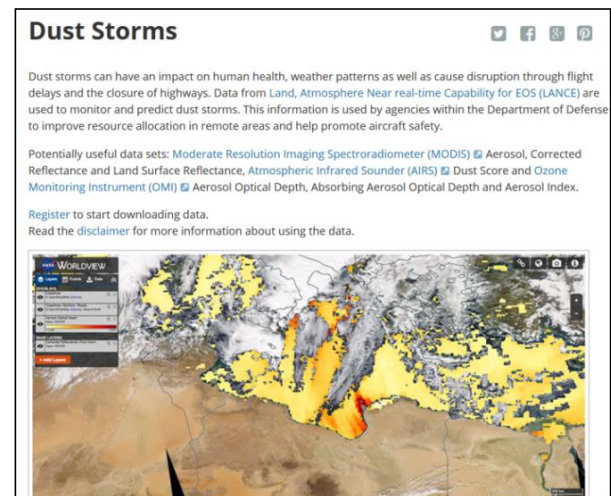
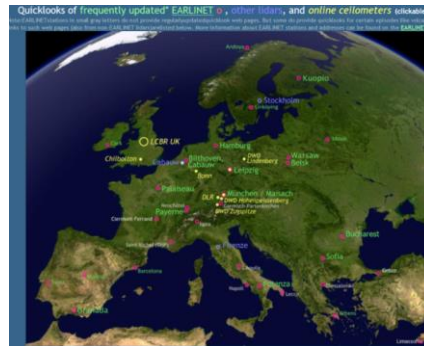
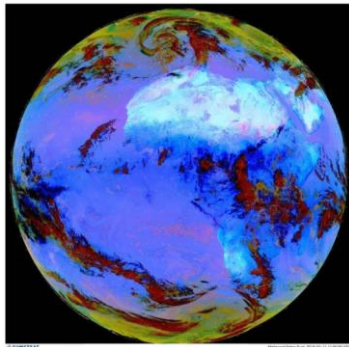
- Late 80'es:
 - First demonstration that SDS dynamic simulations are possible
- 90'es:
 - First satellite products capable to detect SDS
 - First successful daily SDS forecast test
 - First long-term daily SDS forecasts
- 2000's:
 - Fast growth in dust observations and forecasting models
- 2010's:
 - Fast growth in user-oriented applications

Methodologies and products – Illustrative examples

- Operational forecasts
 - SDS-WAS North Africa – Middle East – Europe Activity Node (12 daily forecasts + 1 ensemble composite)
- Observations and GEO datasets
 - Validation of models
 - Data assimilation
 - Better understanding SDS process
 - Specification of lower boundary conditions in models

Methodologies and products – Illustrative examples

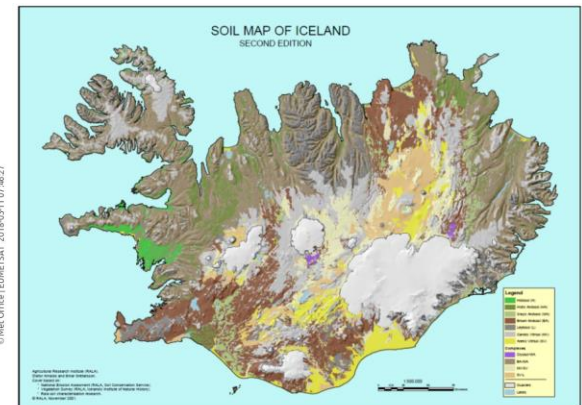
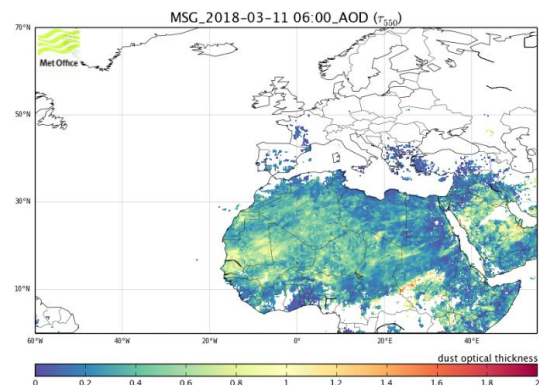
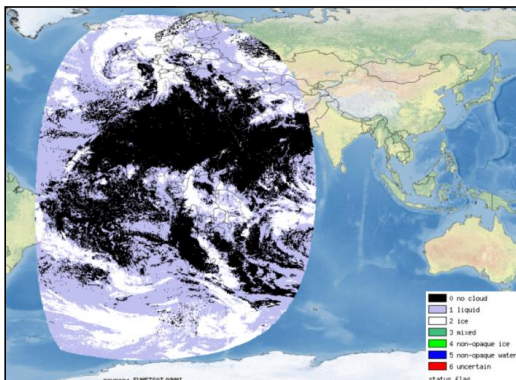
- Observations (“Conventional”)
 - NASA AERONET network of sunphotometers
 - NASA CALIPSO aerosol/cloud profiles
 - MSG SEVIRI
 - EARLINET European lidar network
 - NASA MODIS AOD
 - ...



Methodologies and products – Illustrative examples

- Dust-related observations/datasets

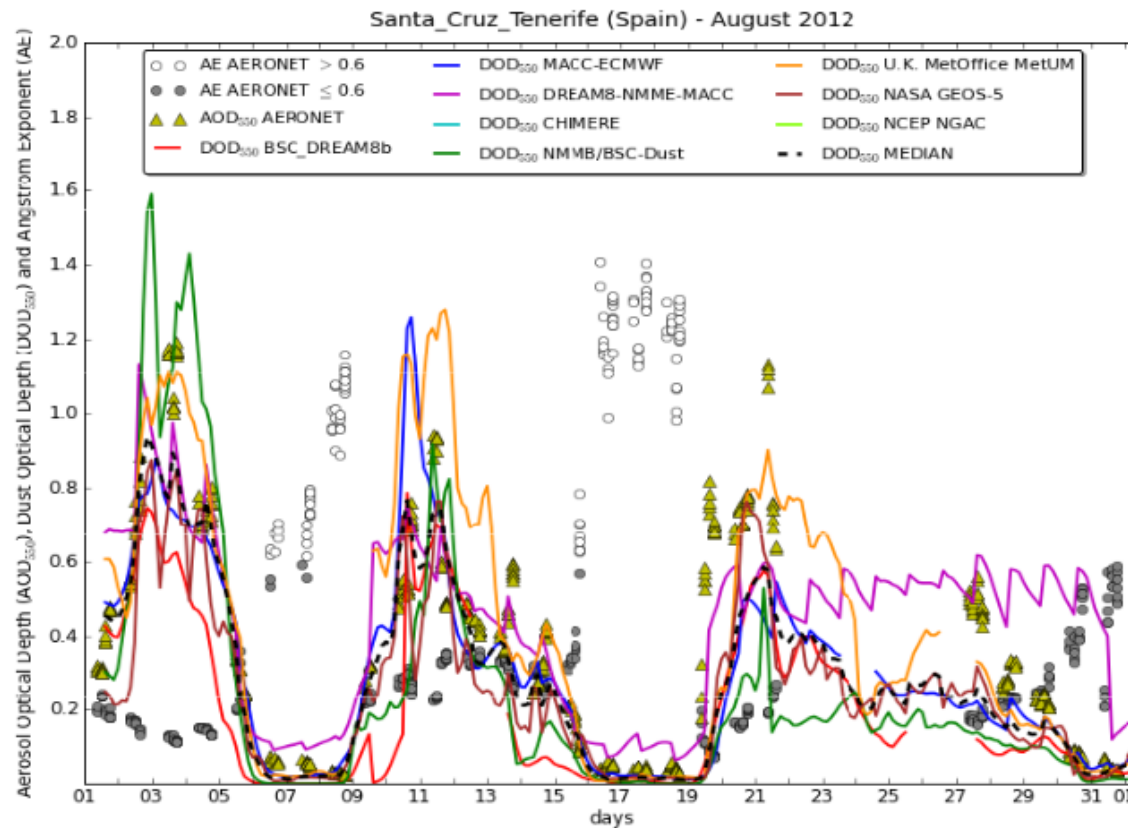
- MSG SEVIRI hydrometeors
- Combined lidar and cloud radar obs (clouds+aerosol)
- National data on sources
- Dual-polarized radars for SDS EWS
- Ceilometers – European network
- MSG AOD over ground
- Detailed soil maps/data
- Soil minerals data



Methodologies and products – Illustrative examples

■ Model validation

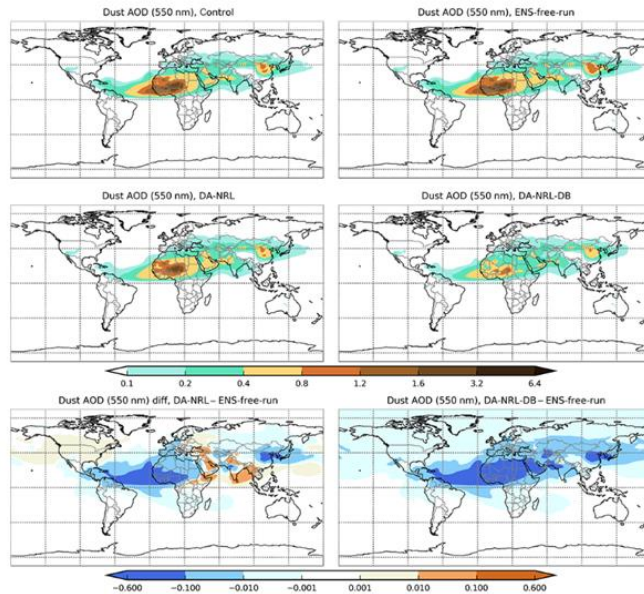
- Multi-model validation: SDS-WAS multi-model ensemble



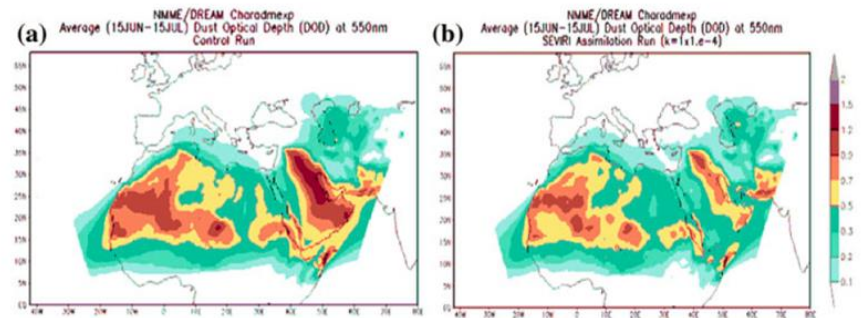
Methodologies and products – Illustrative examples

■ Data Assimilation

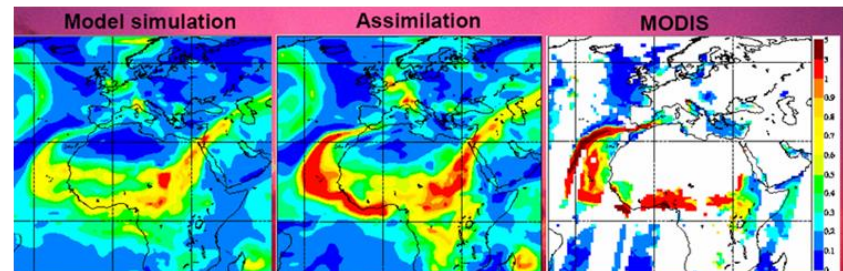
E. Di Tomaso et al.: Assimilation of MODIS Dark Target and Deep Blue observati



BSC: Modis AOD



RHMSS and NOA: MSG AOD



ECMWF: MODIS AOD

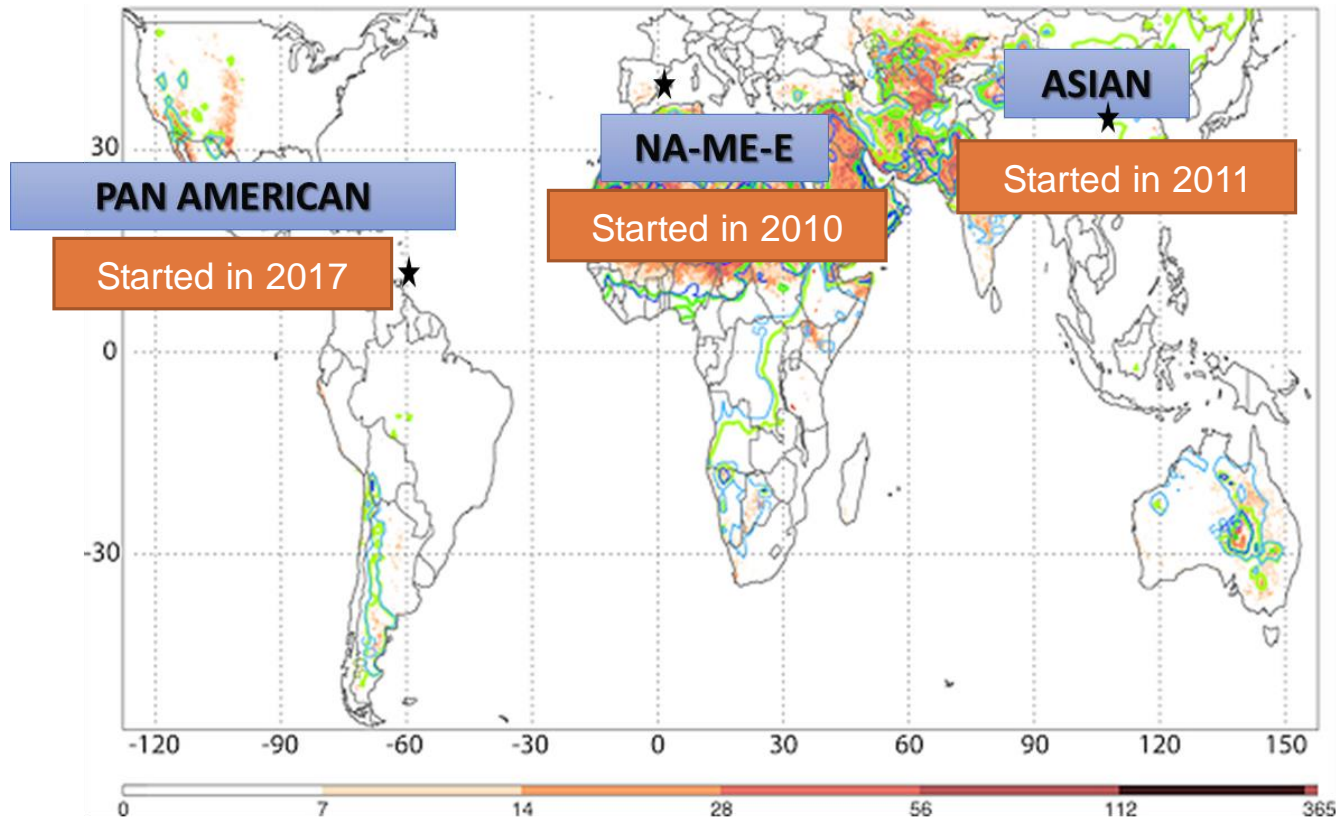
WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS)

■ Objectives:

- Identify and improve **products to monitor and predict dust** by working with research and operational organizations, as well as with users.
- Facilitate **user access** to information.
- Strengthen the **capacity of countries to use** the observations, analysis and predictions provided by the WMO SDS-WAS.



SDS-WAS and the Regional Nodes/Centers




Annual mean frequency distribution of M-DB2 (2003–2009) DOD > 0.2 (red), TOMS (1980–1991) aerosol index ≥ 0.5 (blue), and OMI (2004–2006) aerosol index ≥ 0.5 (green). The isocontours of TOMS and OMI have been removed over oceans for clarity.

Extracted from Ginoux et al. (2012, Rev. Geophys.)



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NORTHERN AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE (NA-ME-E) REGIONAL CENTER
WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS)


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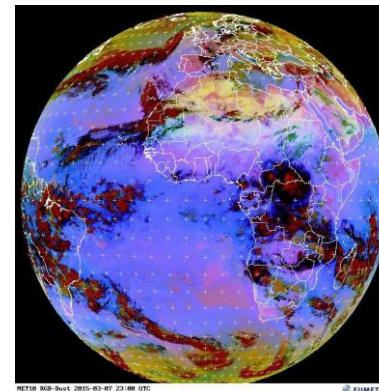
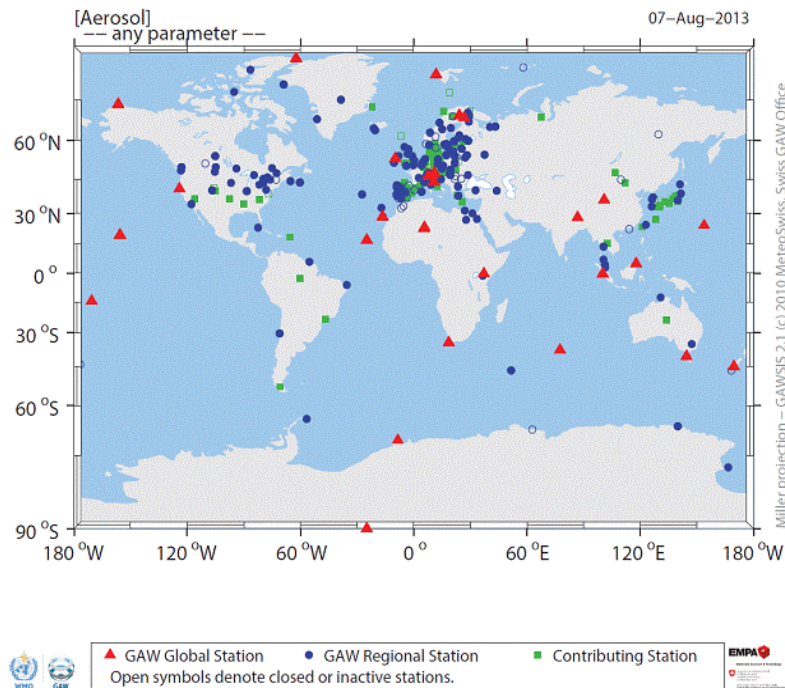
Dust forecasts

WMO SDS-WAS N.Africa-Middle East-Europe RC MEDIAN Dust Surface Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Dakar (Senegal) - April 2018
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SDS-WAS and the NAMEE Regional Center

■ Observations

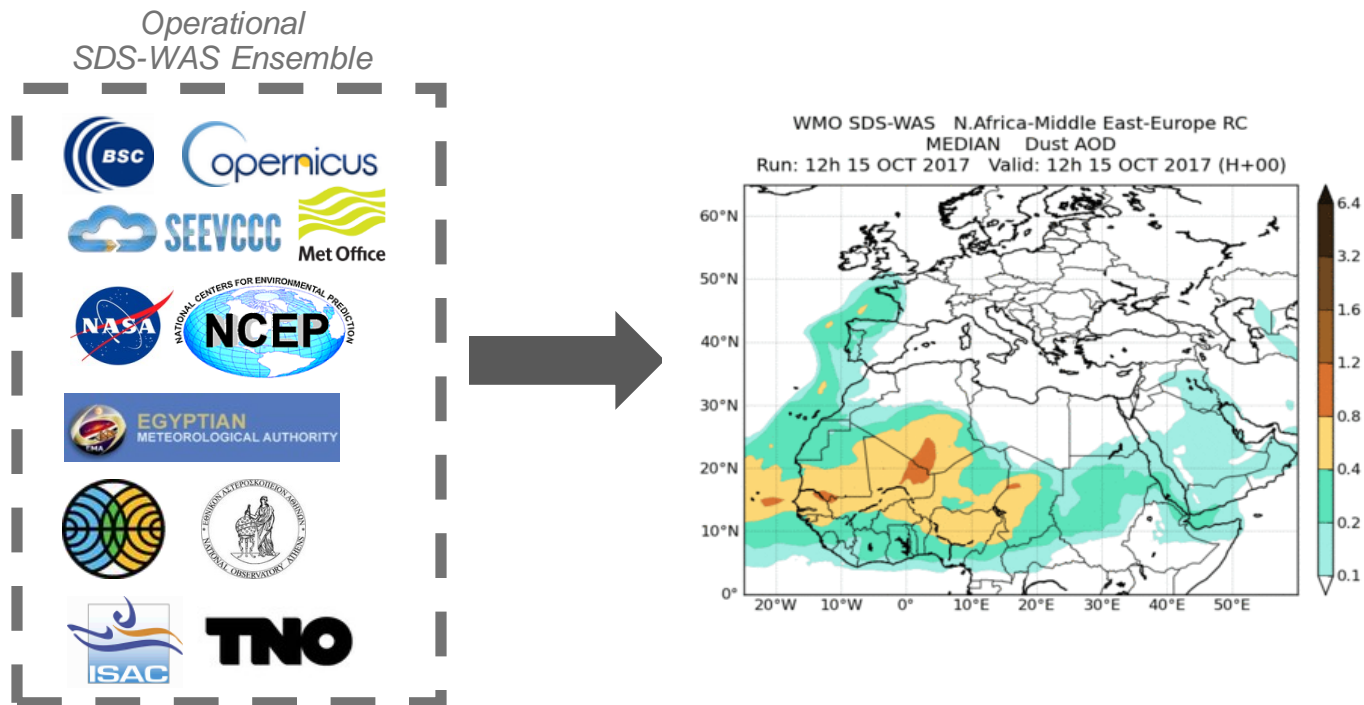
- Better understanding and track of SDS → **Dust-filtered observations**
- Used for model evaluation and data assimilation
- **Lack of observations**, particularly in Africa



SDS-WAS and the NAMEEE Regional Center

■ Modelling

- Products: **surface concentration** and **DOD maps**, the SDS-WAS multi-model product.



12 Global – Regional models from ~ 100 to 10 km

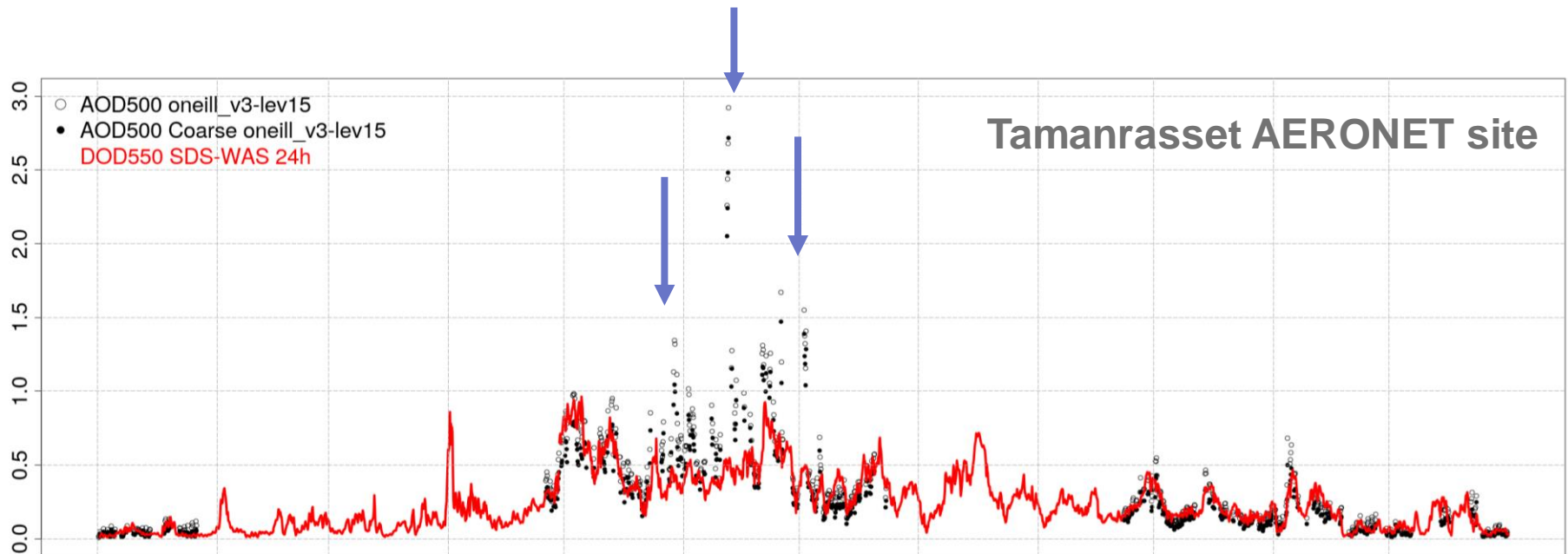


(<http://sds-was.aemet.es/>)

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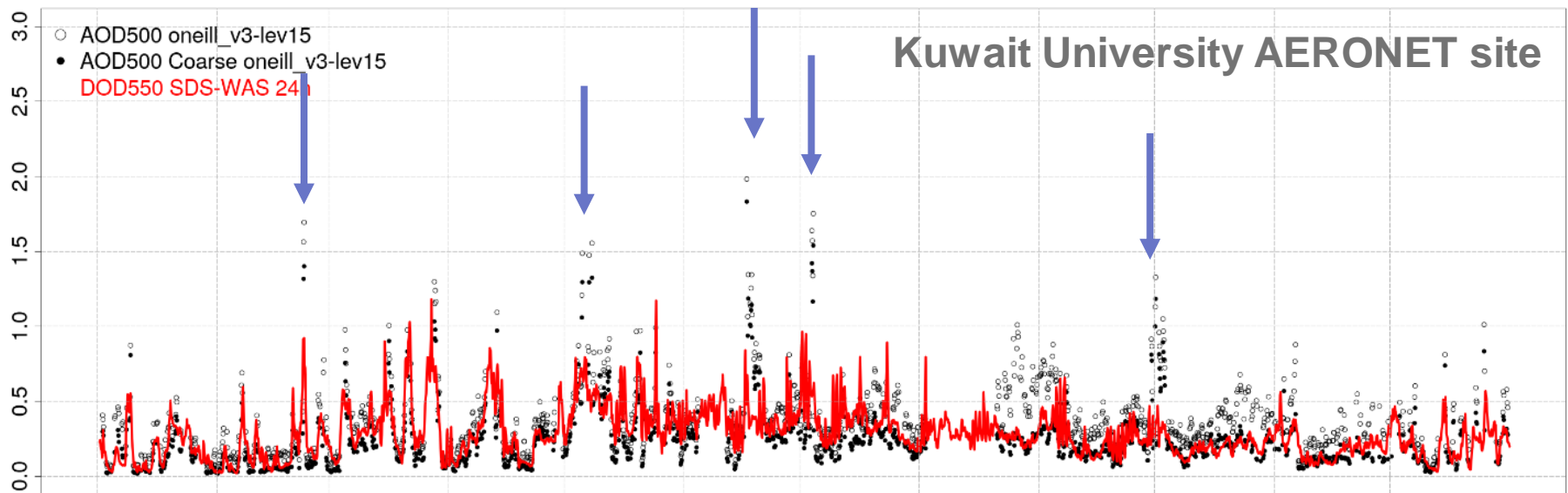
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SDS-WAS and the NAMEE Regional Center

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SDS-WAS and the NAMEEE Regional Center

■ Capacity building

- Trainings focusing on the **weather** community and PhD Students



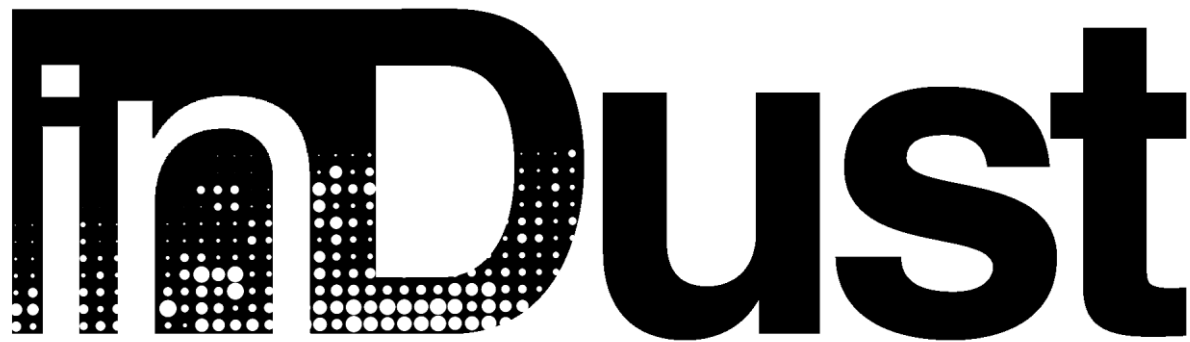
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SDS-WAS and the NAMEE Regional Center

Lessons learnt:

- Lack of coordination between measurement and modelling groups.
 - Measurement products lack harmonised quality controls, data formats and measurements schedules
 - This is more dramatic when you consider Northern African and the Middle East where we find the deserts
- Advertise about Sand and Dust Storms
 - Enhance the visibility of the dust impacts to the society at large and the most affected socio-economic sectors in particular
- Not “really” tailored user-oriented products
 - Few existing channels of communication between scientific research and user (socio-economic) communities.

International Network to Encourage the Use of Monitoring and Forecasting Dust Products



COST Action CA16202

Chair: Sara Basart (Spain)

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Period: 14 Nov 2017 – 14 Nov 2021

Our goals

- To **establish a network** involving research institutions, service providers and potential end

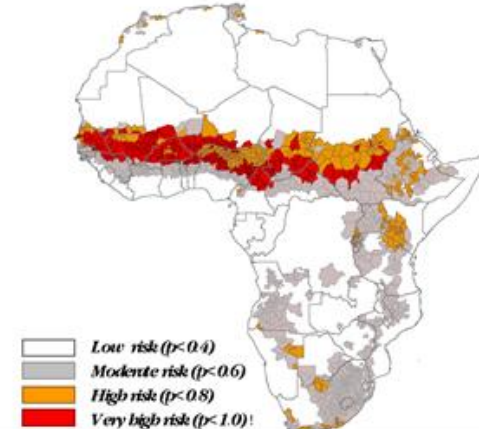
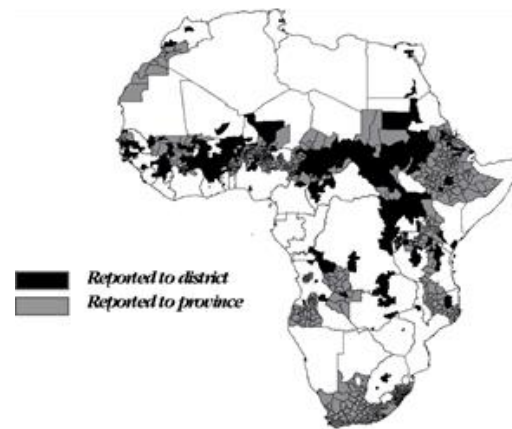
inDust is looking for
**dust user-oriented
services**

of airborne mineral dust.

iD Applications: examples

■ Health

- Respiratory and cardiovascular diseases (e.g Kawasaki disease)
- Fe as an enhancement factor in **meningitis outbreaks** in the Sahel and in **bacterial infections** in general



(Pérez García-Pando et al., 2014)

iD Applications: examples

■ Health

- Conjunctivitis
- Skin irritations
- Valley fever
- Mortality and injuries related to transport accidents

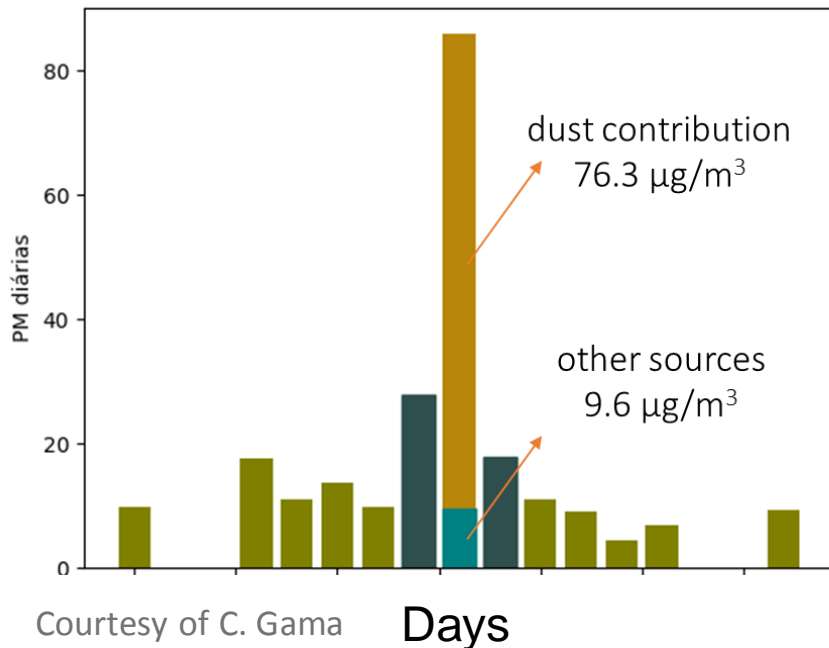


Dunhuang, China, 23 April 2014

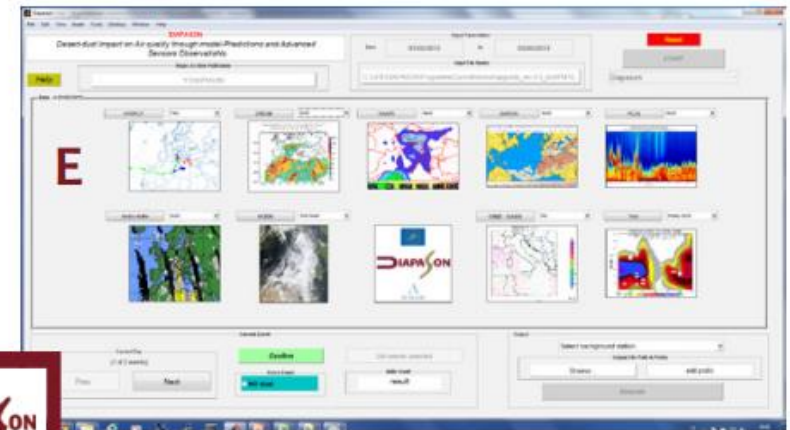
iD Applications: examples

■ Air Quality

- Assess the desert dust contribution to PM levels → Methods to extract desert dust contributions from the PM bulk observations



DIAPASON software to implement the EC-Methodology

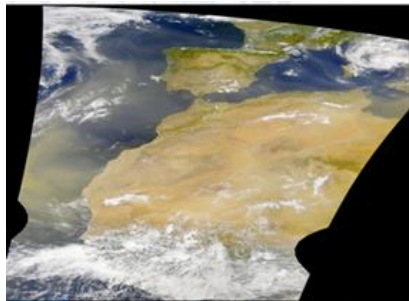


Software to implement the DIAPASON-revised Methodology

iD Applications: examples

■ Ecosystems

- Fe and P embedded in dust → **ocean nutrients**



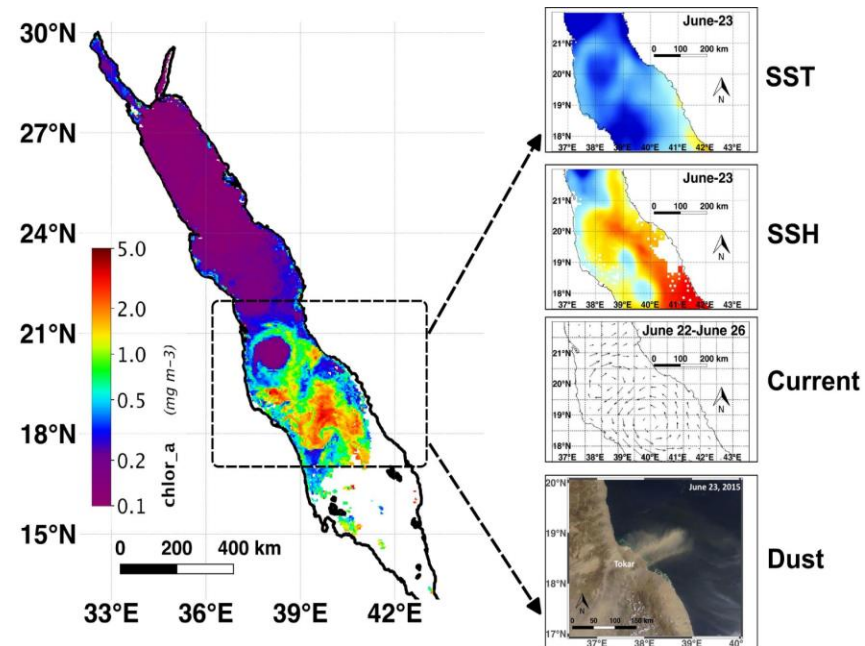
WMO
Dust over W Africa
July 2004



Bloom of *Trichodesmium* around Canary Islands
August 2004 (Ramos et al., 2008)

Algae bloom due to dust/Fe

Red Sea Primary Productivity

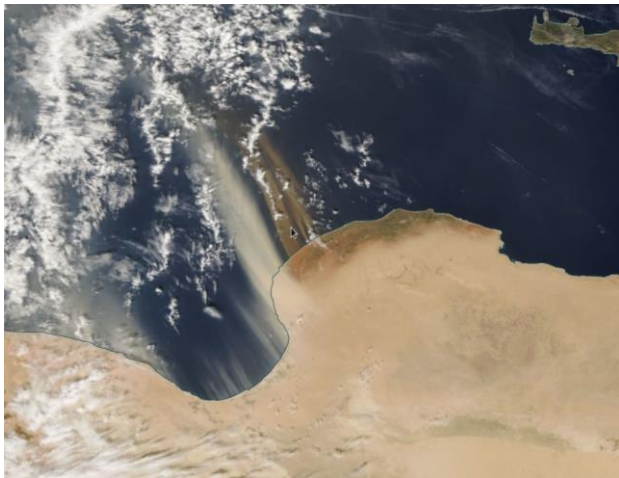


High Chlorophyll-a Event during Summer 2015
(Li et al., 2017)

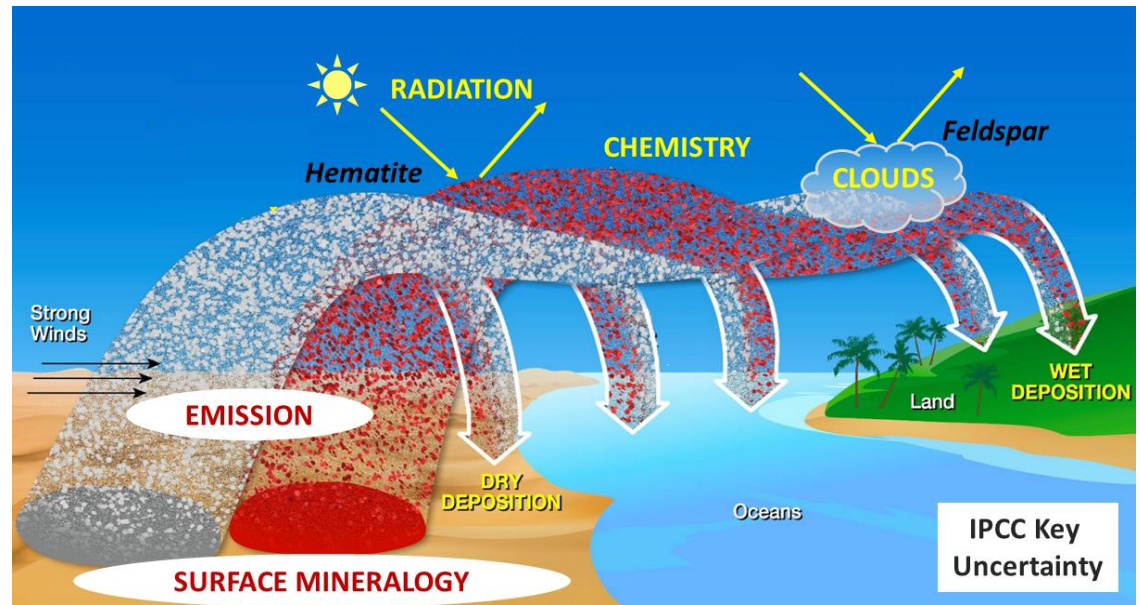
iD Applications: examples

■ Weather and climate

- **Radiation** absorption/reflection depends on dust colour (desert's composition)
 - **Cloud ice nucleation** sensitive to dust mineral composition
- Better weather and climate predictions



MODIS Terra, 26th Oct 2007 Libya



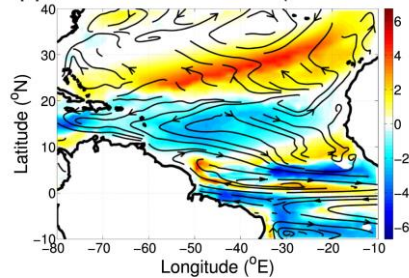
Applications: examples

■ Weather and climate

■ Dust Impact on Hurricanes formation

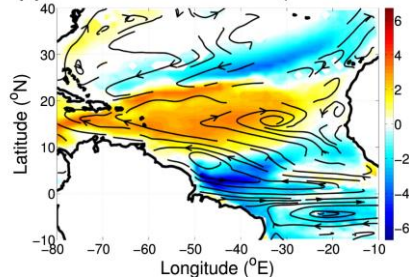
(a)

ABS Mixed Layer Depth (m; shading) and Upper Ocean Currents (streamlines)



(b)

SCT Mixed Layer Depth (m; shading) and Upper Ocean Currents (streamlines)



(Strong, Vecchi and Ginoux, 2015)



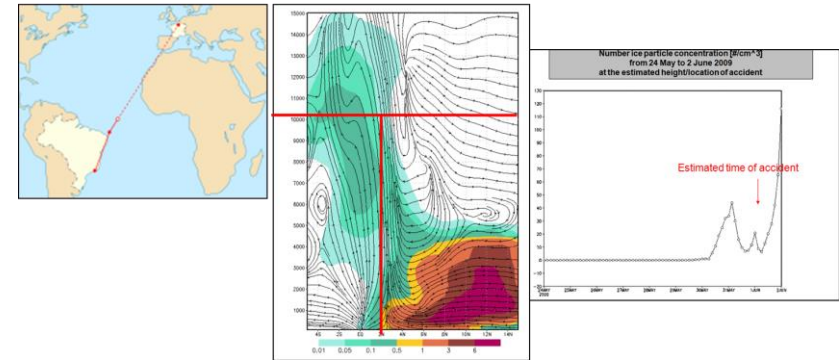
Characterizing the Impact of Aerosols Pre-Hurricane Sandy in 2012 (Fontenot et al., 2018, In press)

iD Applications: examples

■ Aviation

- Visibility
- Ice nucleation
- Dust melting in turbines
- Turbine abrasion

AirFrance 2009 accident (icing due to dust?)



EGYPTAIR - ACCIDENT CAUSED BY DUST STORM

<http://edition.cnn.com/2002/WORLD/africa/05/07/tunis.crash/index.html>

TUNIS, Tunisia (CNN) 7 May, 2002, 17:44 GMT -- An EgyptAir jet crashed on a hillside outside Tunisia's capital Tuesday as the pilot attempted to make an emergency landing, killing at least 18 people, a government official said...

...Weather was foggy and rainy at the time, with sandstorms blowing in from the Sahara Desert. ...



iD Applications: examples

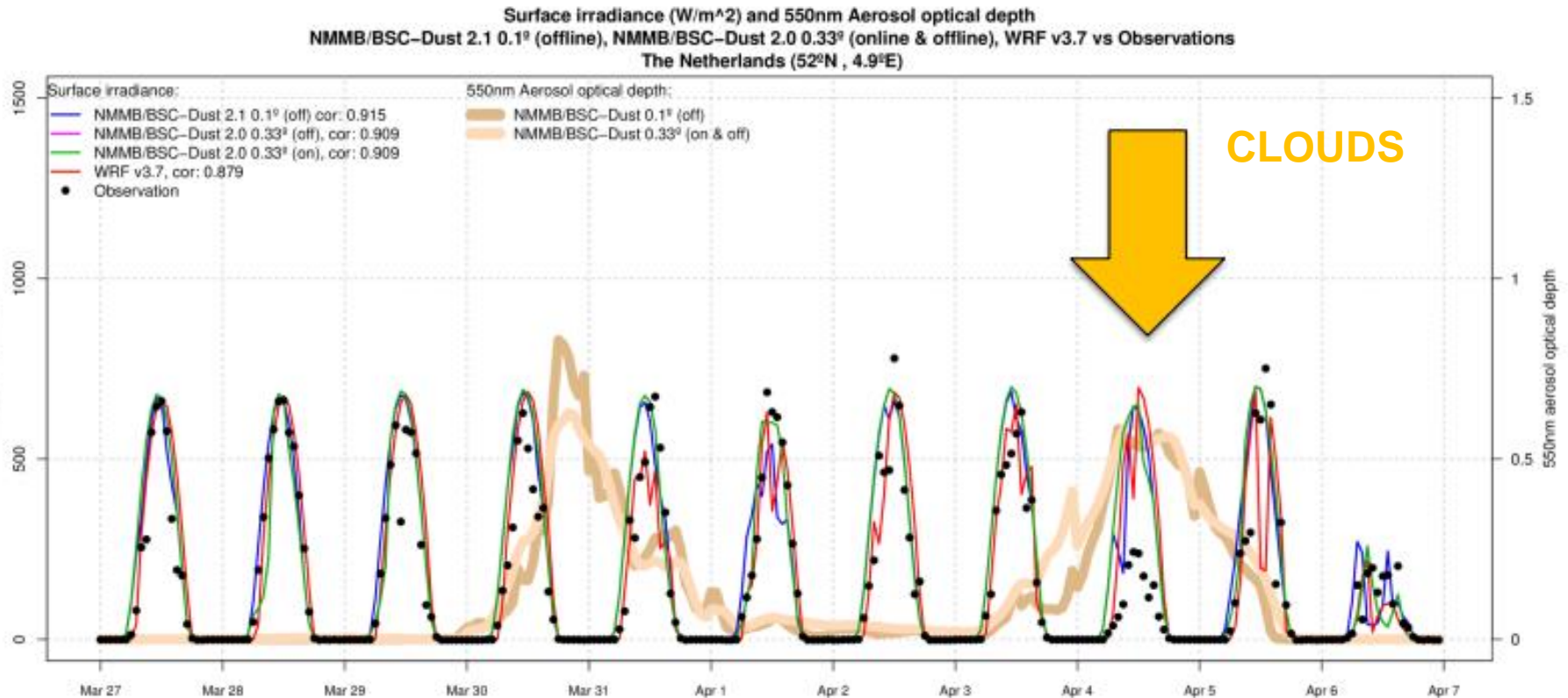
- Ground transportation
 - Traffic disruptions (e.g. The Meca train)



Applications: examples

■ Solar energy

- Solar irradiance → the presence of dust reduce the incoming solar irradiance through direct radiative effect but also indirectly, through favouring cloud formation



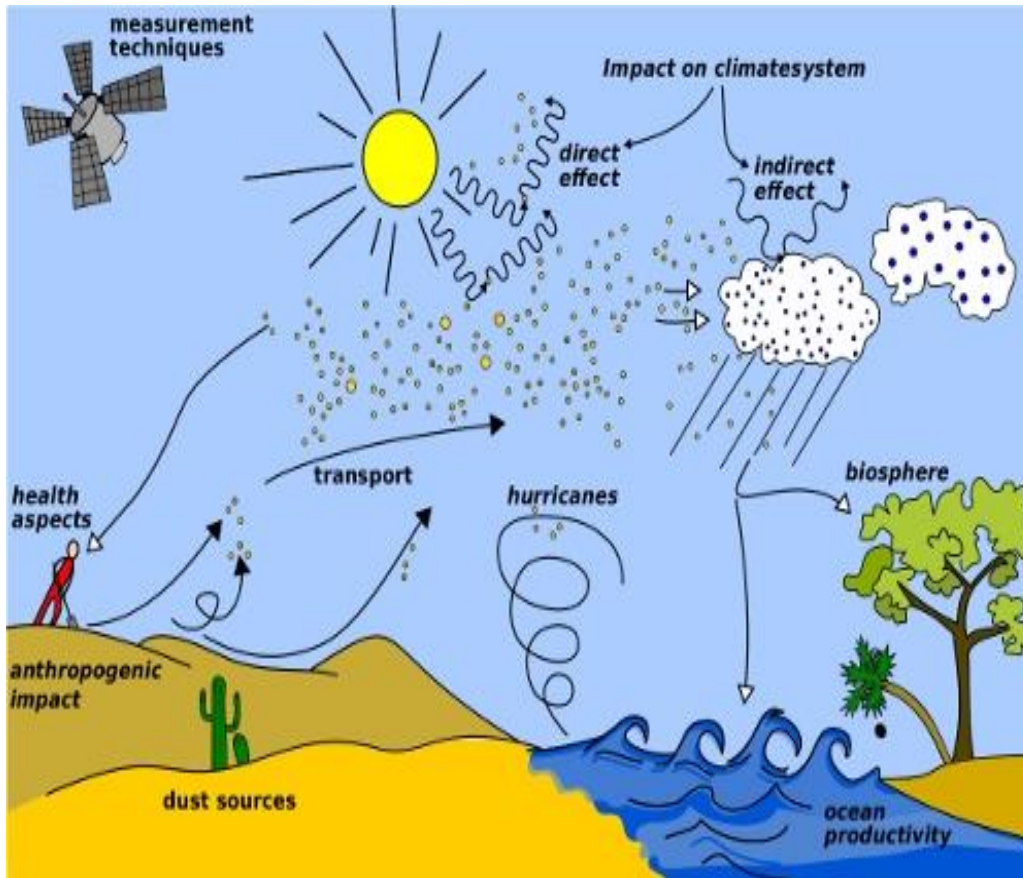
(Soret et al., 2016)

iD Applications: examples

- Solar energy
 - Soiling → panels efficiency and water management



Applications: More examples...



Ecosystems, meteorology and climate

Air Quality and Human Health

Aviation and Ground Transportation

Energy and industry

Agriculture and fishing

Astrophysics

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Image from WMO website
 (<http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/arep/wwrp/new/hurricanes.html>)

Applications: More examples...

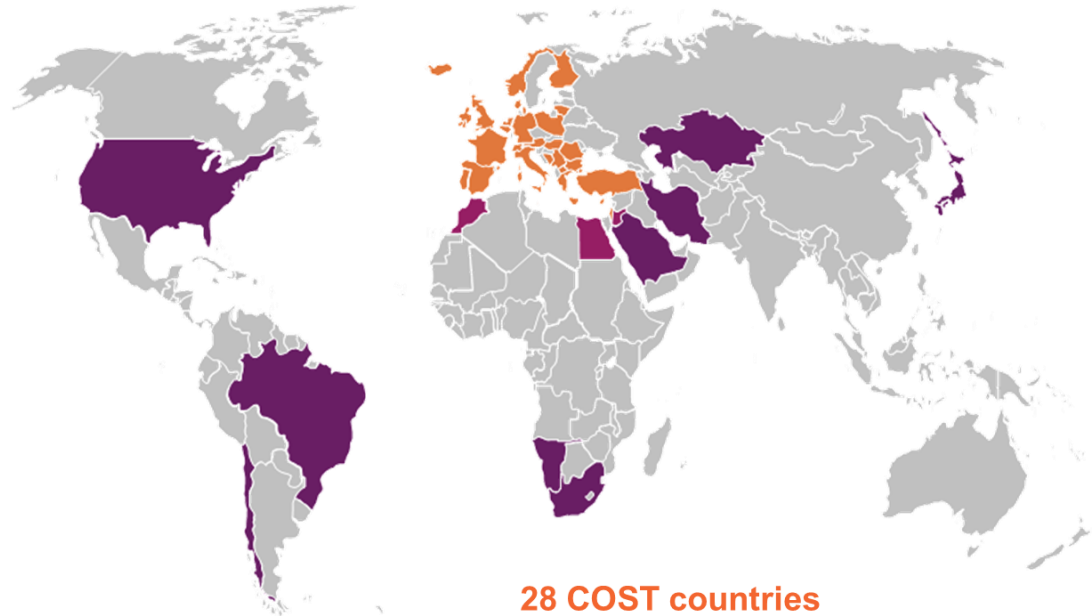
- Car cleaning management



Barcelona, Spain, 3 April 2014

Who

- Currently the network includes more than 180 participants from more than 70 research institutions and private companies



28 COST countries

3 NNCs

9 IPCs

1 International Body (WMO)

Who

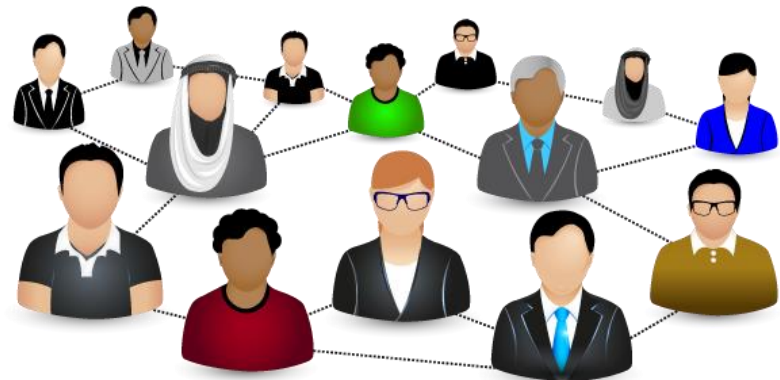
Dust Researchers on:

- Satellite products
- Ground observations
- Dust forecasting models
- Climate
- Socio-economic impacts

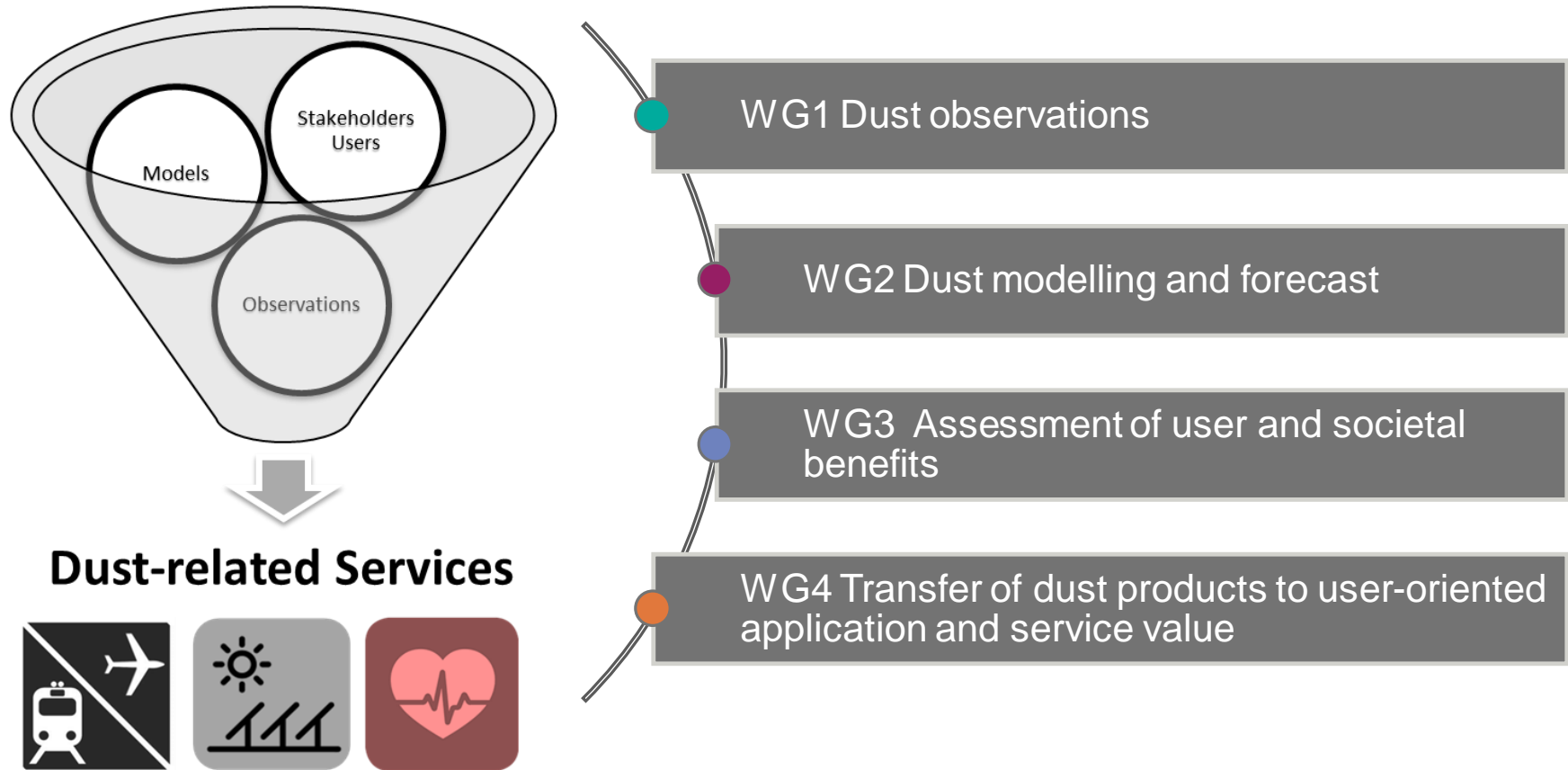


Other Users:

- Solar energy
- Aviation
- Air Quality
- Health
- International bodies (WMO, UNCCD, ...)



How... Concept approach



How

- Identify scientific and technical **gaps in “dust” research**
- Coordinate and harmonise the process to get **user-oriented products**.
- **Build capacity** through the high-level teaching of users to promote the use of the delivered dust products.
- **Train staff** to properly use the available observational and forecast products to design and implement preparedness and mitigation measures.
- **Enhance the cooperation** with institutions from near-neighbouring and international partner countries in Northern Africa and the Middle East.



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Summarising

- Sand and Dust Storms (SDS) play a significant role in different aspects of weather, climate and atmospheric chemistry and represent a **serious hazard** for life, health, property, environment and economy.
- Understanding, managing and mitigating SDS risks and effects requires fundamental and cross-disciplinary knowledge.
- **inDust** searches to build a community of researches and users that can start to design the strategy to develop **dust services**.



Tehran, Iran, June 2014

Thanks for your attention!

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